Supreme Court Notice to Delhi Administration on a letter of an under-trial

3637. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether the Supreme Court has issued notices to Delhi Administration the basis of a letter from an under-trial as reported in the Times of India of the 7th February, 1989 and if so, the details thereof and corrective steps taken|proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): According to the Delhi Administration, the Supreme Court has issued notice to the Administration on the petition moved by one Ajay Kumar Singh, an under-trial prisoner. The petitioner has put forward grievances regarding the procedure adopted for granting interviews to the inmates. The matter is sub-judice now.

Income tax clearance certificate for housing federation

3638. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mumbai District Cooperative Housing Federation Limited has made a representation to the Central Government requesting Government to compel the builders|developers of properties to clear the icome-tax certificates or to waive the condition for the production of income-tax clearance certificate under section 230A of the Income-tax Act in case of co-operative housing societies in whose favour the builder|developer has to convey the property; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has not found the suggestions acceptable.

Excise duty refund

3639. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of firms and companies claim excise duty refund;

(b) if so, what amount has been paid back during last five years; and

(c) what are the details of firms and companies which have got refund amounting to more than rupees one lakh during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total amount refunded during the last five years is as under:—

Year	Amount refunded (In crores)
1983-84	110.87
1984-85	75.78
1985-86	136.04
1986-87	152.64
1987-88	209.26

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Over-invoicing in Drugs

3640. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is considering a proposal to utilise the services of cost experts to unearth crores of rupees lying unaccounted or over-invoiced in respect of Trimethoprim, Sulphamethaxazole, Gentamycin, Riflampicin, Analgin and drug interme-

diates of Ethambutol, Rifiampicin, etc. purchased and utilised by major producers and fomulators;

(b) whether it is a fact that such instances are within the notice of his Ministry but no action has been taken;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the absence of any investigation the people as well as the country are being cheated; and

(d) by when action against these major drug producers and formulators is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Ministry of Finance is not considering any such proposal.

(b) to (d) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence had received a complaint that certain drugs were being sold in the open market at prices lower than that fixed by the Government. The enquiry conducted in this behalf revealed that there has been no evasion of Customs or Excise duties but primafacie, there appears to have been a caes of inflation of purchase prices to show lower profits. The matter has been referred to income tax authorities for investigation.

Employment and promotoin to scheduled tribes in Chandigarh

@3640-A. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the basis of reservations the employment opportunities and promotion benefits under the Union Territory Services particularly to Chadigarh are being denied to the recognised Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to formulate the Centre Services reservation policy in Chandigarh;

(d) how many vacancies reserved for Scheduled Tribes candidates in different offices are lying vacant; and

(e) what steps are being taken to fill up the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (e) The reservation for Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes in Services is made on the basis of the instructions contained in "Brochure on Reservation for Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes in Services" issued by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. The policy laid down therein is uniformally applicable to all Central Services as well as to all the UT Administrations. The reservation for SC & ST in Services is made after taking into account the actual proportion of population of SCs and STs in various UTs. As per the Brochure, there is no reservation for Scheduled Tribes in the UT of Chandigarh in case of recruitment made on local basis and as such, the question of denial of concessions in Services does not arise.

दिल्ली में कुछ क्षेत्रों को साईकिल रिक्शा मुक्त क्षेत्र घोषित किया जाना

@@3640(ख). श्री चतुरानन मिश्र: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली के चांदनी चौक, जामा मस्जिद तथा दरियागंज क्षेत्र में भारी संख्या में साईकिल रिक्शा चलते हैं जिससे यातायात रुक जाता है और प्रात: स्कूल जाने वाले बच्चों और दफ्तर जाने वाले कर्मचारियों पर असर पड़ता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार कनाट प्लेस क्षेत्र की तरह कुछ क्षेत्रों को "रिक्शा मुक्त क्षेत्र" घोषित करने का विचार रखती है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस प्रकार की घोषणा कब तक कर दी जायेगी; और

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